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SUBJ: CHATCHAI VISIT-SUPPORT FOR 16 ARMY AND 2 MARINE BATTALIONS

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1. DURING EXPECTED DISCUSSION OF U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE WHEN CHATCHAI SEES SECRETARY NOVEMBER 26, CHATCHAI MIGHT REFER TO NEED FOR FILLING OUT 16 ARMY AND 2 MARINE BATTALIONS. HE MADE THIS POINT TO AMBASSADOR DURING CONVERSATION ON NOVEMBER 21. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE OF USE IN THIS CONNECTION.

2. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED OF RTA PLANS TO REORGANIZE INTO AN EIGHT-DIVISION FORCE WHICH RTA REGARDS AS THE MINIMUM REQUIRED TO MEET CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR ANY ESCALATION OF THE INSURGENCY OR EXTERNAL THREAT. NEW ORGANIZATION IS TO COMPRISE FOUR LIGHT DIVISIONS (TWO REGIMENTS EACH) AND FOUR HEAVY DIVISIONS (THREE REGIMENTS EACH). RTA CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL SOEM, WHO WAS SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION, WAS NOT PREPARED TO GO INTO DETAIL.

3. RTA COORDINATING COMMITTEE IS WORKING ON, BUT HAS NOT
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COMPLETED DETAILED REORGANIZATIONAL PLANNING. IT IS EXPECTED

THAT THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WHEN THE REGIMENTS ARE FURTHER BROKEN DOWN INTO LIGHT (TWO BATTALION) AND TOE (THREE BATTALION) REGIMENTS, THE 16 ARMY BATTALIONS FIGURE USED BY CHATCHAI MAY TAKE ON MEANING.

4. THE ROYAL THAI MARINE CORPS HAS FORMED AND PARTIALLY EQUIPPED ONE BATTALION AND PLANS TO FORM ANOTHER IN THE FY 76/77 TIME FRAME.

5. SUGGEST THAT IF CHATCHAI RAISES MATTER AND SECRETARY IS UNABLE TO AVOID SPECIFIC COMMENT, HE SAY THAT HE UNDERSTANDS RTA REORGANIZATION IS STILL IN PLANNING STAGE AND THAT WHEN PLANNING HAS BEEN COMPLETED, JUSMAG WILL BE PREPARED TO EXAMINE IT TO SEE HOW WE MIGHT APPROPRIATELY HELP THROUGH MAP. WHITEHOUSE

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